Amount to be spent in Karnataka on improving safety etc.

453. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the amount proposed to be spent in Karnataka during 2003-04 on improving safety, relaying tracks developing railway platforms and introducing new signal system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : Railway Budget is prepared zone-wise and not State-wise. However, Karnataka State is mostly covered by South Western Railway apart from some stretches falling under the jurisdiction of Southern Railway, South Central Railway and Central Railway. The planheads mainly related to improving safety are track renewals, signalling and telecommunication (which include track relaying and new signalling system respectively), bridge works, road safety works—level crossing, road safety works road over/under bridge. The development/improvement to railway platforms is covered by planheads traffic facilities and passenger amenities. The gross budget allotment under these planheads for South Western Railway during 2003-04 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan head	Outlay 2003-04
Traffic Facilities Works	7.92
Road Safety Works-Level Crossing	5.00
Road Safety Works-Road over/under Bridge	40.90
Track Renewals	41.10
Bridge Works	4.59
Signalling & Telecommunication	17.80
Passenger Amenities	5.71

Electric Train Project in Bangalore

454. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have consulted the Karnataka Government on the pending Bangalore Electric Train Project:

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;